of the United States economy, including the international trade finance sector, that the activity will not give the foreign bank an unfair competitive advantage over United States banking organizations and any other relevant information.

- (c) *Transition period.* An uninsured state branch may maintain a retail deposit lawfully accepted pursuant to this section prior to April 1, 1996:
- (1) If the deposit qualifies pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b) of this section; or
- (2) If the deposit does not qualify pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b) of this section, no later than:
- (i) In the case of a non-time deposit, five years from April 1, 1996; or
- (ii) In the case of a time deposit, the first maturity date of the time deposit after April 1, 1996 or the date that is 90 days after April 1, 1996, whichever is later.

[61 FR 5674, Feb. 14, 1996]

§ 346.7 Notification to depositors.

Any State branch that is exempt from the insurance requirement pursuant to $\S346.6$ shall—

- (a) Display conspicuously at each window or place where deposits are usually accepted a sign stating that deposits are not insured by the FDIC; and
- (b) Include in bold face conspicuous type on each signature card, passbook, and instrument evidencing a deposit the statement "This deposit is not insured by the FDIC"; or require each depositor to execute a statement which acknowledges that the initial deposit and all future deposits at the branch are not insured by the FDIC. This acknowledgment shall be retained by the branch so long as the depositor maintains any deposit with the branch. This provision applies to any negotiable certificates of deposit made in a branch on or after July 6, 1989, as well as to any renewals of such deposits which become effective on or after July 6, 1989.

[54 FR 14067, Apr. 7, 1989]

§ 346.8 Optional insurance.

A foreign bank may apply to the FDIC for deposit insurance for any State branch that is not otherwise required to be insured under §346.4 or for

any Federal branch that is not otherwise required to be insured under the rules and regulations of the Comptroller of the Currency.

§§ 346.9—346.15 [Reserved]

Subpart C—Foreign Banks Having Insured Branches

§346.16 Scope.

This subpart C sets out the rules that apply only to a foreign bank that operates or proposes to establish an insured State or Federal branch. These rules relate to the following matters: an agreement to provide information and to be examined and provisions concerning recordkeeping, pledge of assets, asset maintenance, and deductions from the assessment base.

[44 FR 40060, July 9, 1979, as amended at 54 FR 14067, Apr. 7, 1989]

§ 346.17 Agreement to provide information and to be examined.

- (a) A foreign bank that applies for insurance for any branch shall agree in writing to the following terms:
- (1) The foreign bank will provide the FDIC with information regarding the affairs of the bank and its affiliates which are located outside of the United States as the FDIC from time to time may request to:
- (i) Determine the relations between the insured branch and the bank and its affiliates and
- (ii) Assess the financial condition of the bank as it relates to the insured branch.

If the laws of the country of the bank's domicile or the policy of the Central Bank or other banking authority prohibit or restrict the foreign bank from entering into this agreement, the foreign bank shall agree to provide information to the extent permitted by such law or policy. Information provided shall be in the form requested by the FDIC and shall be made available in the United States. The Board of Directors will consider the existence and extent of this prohibition or restriction in determining whether to grant insurance and may deny the application if the information available is so limited